

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



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When using **personal protective equipment (PPE)**, employees must be aware of the hazards and be trained for the appropriate personal protective equipment. Employees must be aware that the equipment does not eliminate the hazard. If the equipment fails, exposure occurs.



To reduce the possibility of failure, equipment must be properly fitted and maintained in a clean and serviceable condition. **Always check your PPE for damage before using. If your PPE is damaged, do not use it!**



Selecting the right tool and right personal protective equipment for the job is **critical**. It is necessary that employers and employees understand the equipment's purpose and limitations. Get up-to date information on the best methods of protection against particular hazards before selecting PPE. **The best source of information is a chemical-specific Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), no older than five years.** The MSDS will be available from the manufacturer or supplier. (Supply, Hazmat Div: DSN 264-3930)

